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DATE	AIRCRAFT TYPE & NUMBER	CREW	DUTY	TIME		DETAILS OF SORTIE OR FLIGHT	REFERENCE
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						8101AA Sgt. Acton, M. F/E; CAN. B62398 F/S/A.C. Welsh.; CAN. R. 98484 Sgt./AG Pickett, W.F.; NZA. 0616 Sgt/WOPAG McLean, A.F.; 917795 Sgt./AG Henning, D. GENERAL REMARKS Flak and searchlights were very much less in intensity than usual, earlier phases of the attack having apparently saturated the defences. Night A/C used cameras but fires appear to have obscured ground detail. Films and prints forwarded. <i>J. H. Hargrave P/c</i>	

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POOLINGTON	1st June '42		Nox Sorties. POOLINGTON OPS ORDER NO. 105. Twelve aircraft to attack Essen. 39th Operation. All of the twelve captains were guided to the target area by glow of fires but clouds prevented visual pinpointing at target and bombing was chiefly carried out by navigational aid. Many scattered fires some large, mostly west of Ruhr were seen reflected on cloud. "M" - W7713 is missing from this operation. Nothing heard from the aircraft after its takeoff at 2345 hours to determine the fate of the missing crew. Crew consisted of: CAN. J15343 F/O Baltzer Captain. 56948 Sgt. Turnbull, J.L. Flight Engineer; CAN. J15170 F/O Party Observer; CAN. 57930 3/Sgt. Jackson, S.L. A/Gunner. CAN. B53909 2/Sgt. Reid, S.L. A/Gunner. CAN. E510 F/Sgt. Fortin, H. A/Gunner. POOLINGTON OPS. ORDER No. 107. Six Aircraft to attack ESSEN. Weather: Fine becoming overcast with slight rain afternoon. Visibility improving considerably after cloud break.	
	2nd June, '42		One day Sortie. (50 minutes.) Local Flying practice. 30th Operation ESSEN. Four of the aircraft reached and attacked the target area with navigational aid. All received no help at all from flares and J.C. and H. report similarly except perhaps that they were a general guide to the target area. Some bursts and small fires were seen but there was no evidence of any weight of attack. G was attacked by a/s over target and was forced to jettison bombs during evasive action. B returned early with engine trouble bringing bombs back. E Casualty Missing. Sgt. Goetling P.I. L255168 Observer detached to Driffield is missing on Operations from that Squadron on the night of June 1st, 1942.	
	3rd June '42		POOLINGTON OPS ORDER NO. 108. Seven aircraft to attack ESSEN. Weather: Considerable S.C. at 2,000 - 3,000 feet but dispersing in the afternoon. Smoke haze until cloud broke then vis. improved to over five miles. No. Sorties. 31st Operation: Bremen. J was able to identify the aiming points by the light of flares, but B, A, M and S attacked the believed on nav. aid alone. Some bursts were seen and a few small fires. "G" returned early with petrol trouble. "G" was cancelled. Weather: Small amounts of medium and high cloud dispersing to nil during morning. Despite smoke haze vis. steadily improved to excellent in the evening.	60 62

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POCKLINGTON	10th June '42		Two Day Sorties (1.15 minutes) Local flying practice. Weather: Overcast with a little rain before dawn. Cloudy during the day but clearing to nil towards dusk. Vis. Excellent.	
	11th, June '42		Three day Sorties: (12.50 hours) Local X Country Flights. Weather: Fine becoming fair with some C.U. During the day. Vis. Good.	
	12th June '42		No Sorties. Weather: Fair to cloudy with good vis.	
	13th, June '42		No Sorties. Weather: Cloudy, with continuous rain with cloud base down to 1800 feet. Vis. Mod to Good.	
	14th, June '42		No Sorties. Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain becoming continuous in evening. Low cloud base with Vis. Moderate to Good.	
	15th, June '42		No Sorties. Weather: Cloudy with continuous rain until evening. Cloud base 1,000 feet lifting when rain ceased. Vis. Moderate.	
	16th, June '42		Two Day Sorties: (2.00 hours) Air Tests. Weather: Cloudy with a few slight short showers during the P.M. Vis. Moderate. POCK OPS ORDER NO. 111 Eight a/c to attack ESEN.	
	17th, June '42		One day sortie: (1.00 hour) Local landings and flying practice. 94th Operation: ESEN. Six Captains found breaks in cloud and bombed Bonn Area on rav. and fixes and D/R ETA ONE a/c pinpointed on Rhine but others saw no ground detail for the whole trip. One of the remaining a/c found 10/10 cloud at Bonn so continued to ESEN where he bombed on D/R ETA. Except for yellow flash in Bonn area resulting from bombs of "A" the other crews observed no results other than small fires. Remaining a/c forced back early because of icing. Weather: Cloudy with Mod. Vis. becoming foggy just after dawn then clearing with excellent vis.	
	18th, June '42		Three Day Sorties: (12.20 hours) Sea Search. Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain and drizzle during morning becoming cloudy after midday. Vis. Good.	
	19th, June '42		Four Day Sorties: (9.30 hours) Air Tests and local flying practice. Weather: Cloudy with intermittent rain and drizzle during morning, becoming cloudy after midday. Vis. Good.	
	20th, June '42		Four Day Sorties: (14.30 hours) Air tests and Local X cross country flight and flying practice. 95th OPERATION: ESEN. Five a/c bombed ESEN area through 10/10 cloud. Flares were also seen falling in the area. No results other than reflection of bomb bursts on the clouds. One other a/c bombed believed N/S of ESEN with navigational aid a/c. remaining captain bombed three miles N.W. of Osnabruck.	

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POCKLINGTON WAR JUNE XX	21, June '42		One Day Sortie: (3.5 Hours) Sea Search. POCK OPS ORDER NO. 113. Nine a/c to attack ESEN. XXXXXXXX 96th OPERATION: ESEN. All a/c attacked ESEN Area with nav. aid and help of flares. The flares were of little use in lighting up ground detail because of haze or as "C" J, and C suspected, a smoke screen over the target area. A few large and a number of small fires were observed but could not be pinpointed. Weather: Cloudy, vis. Moderate.	
	22, June '42		Four Day sorties: (7.40 Hours) Air Tests. POCK OPS ORDER NO. 114. Ten a/c to attack ESEN. Weather 10/10 medium cloud breaking to little or no cloud at 07:00 hours. Vis. 2,000 yards improving to 4 to 6 miles.	
	23, June '42		No Sorties. 97th OPERATION: ESEN. All a/c attacked was the target with the exception of "D" who, tho he made three runs over the target could not get his bomb doors to open. He jettisoned in the sea when he eventually managed to get them open on the homeward journey. Captain had no difficulty in identifying the target which was well lit up by flares. Water features and the built up area of the town were clearly visible and the first arrivals found about a dozen small fires all ready alight. Those who bombed later reported at least twenty (20) large fires burning in the town. Weather: Cloudy. Vis. Good.	
	24, June '42		One day sortie: (2.20 hours) Air Test. Adjutant: Flying Officer P.C. Darnell (Can.) became Acting Adjutant of the Squadron ref 24-6-42 vice - Flight Lieutenant S.T. XXXXXXXX Douglas to RAF Station POCKLINGTON war same date. Weather: Cloudy with fair periods. Vis. Very Good.	
	25th, June '42		One day Sortie: (40 minutes) Local flying practice. POCK OPS ORDER NO. 115. Seventeen a/c to attack ESEN. Weather: Mainly cloudy in early morning with three to four thousand foot ceiling vis. very good.	
	26th, June '42		No Sorties. 98th Operation: ESEN. Operation was divided into two phases. The first took off at 23:00 hours 25-6-42 and consisted of 9 a/c while the other comprising 8 a/c left at 23:50 hours. Captains found 10/10 cloud over target with few small breaks but attacked chiefly carried out on blind bombing. Thirteen a/c attacked primary area while two sought alternatives. Two captains had to turn back through engine and technical failures, one large fire was seen through a gap and the glow of a number of widespread fires was reflected on clouds. Weather: Fine becoming cloudy, with much low cloud decreasing to nil in evening. Vis. Poor improving to very good.	

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POCKLINGTON	June 27th '42		<u>NO SORTIES.</u> Pool. Ops. Order No. 116 - Klevon A/C to Attack <u>BRISBANE</u> Weather: Cloudy. Vis. Good.	
	June 28th '42		<u>1 Day Sortie</u> (4.00 hours) Navigational Experience. <u>29th OPERATION - BRISBANE</u> Seven Captains definitely bombed target with the aid of special equipment while another also claims to have bombed primary on E.I.A. No ground details whatsoever were visible but the glow of some fires was seen reflected on clouds. One A/G returned early with engine trouble bringing bombs back while two are missing nothing having been heard from them to determine their fate. *C* (W/O Scott) is missing. Crews: W/O Scott, W.L. Captain; Can. R. 61634; Can. R. 70586 Sgt. P/S Tatham, G.B.; Can. R. 56269 P/S Obs. Phillips, G.M.; 964479 Sgt. WOE/AG Hughes, J.J.; Can. R. 64719 P/S A/G Cole, J.E.; Can P/O H. Ince, A/G; 819083 Sgt. A/G Rowland, S.B. *G* (P/Sgt. Field) is missing. Crew: CAN. R. 56351 P/Sgt. Pilot Field W.E. Captain; 1213401 Sgt. P/Sgt. Ansell, R.; CAN. R. 69615 P/Sgt. Obs. Fitzgerald R.O.; 1189531 Sgt. WOE/AG Smith; CAN. R. 69523 P/Sgt. A/Gunner Ailey, J.D.; AUS. 407595 Sgt. A/Gunner KERN Kleindorf, M.R.; Weather: Cloudy clearing in the evening. Vis. Excellent.	
	June 29th '42		<u>1 Day Sortie</u> (1.15 hours) Air Tests. Pool. Ops. Order No. 117. - Mine A/G to attack <u>BRISBANE</u> Weather: Large amounts of cloud throughout day. Vis. Very good all day.	
	June 30th '42		<u>No. Sorties.</u> <u>100th Operation - BRISBANE</u> Three A/Gs bombed target area with navigational aid. One bombed by D/R and BTA. No ground details were observed owing to weather conditions. One captain jettisoned his bombs 5 miles south-east of Alsbury owing to engine trouble another jettisoned in the sea and returned to base with rear guns up. Three aircraft failed to return. A few small fires were observed in target area. *G* (P/Sgt. China) is missing. Crew: AUS. 402 223 P/Sgt. Pilot China, H.A. Captain; 571779 Sgt. P/Sgt. Simpson, A; CAN. R. 64880 P/Sgt. Obs. Bell, J.W.; CAN. R. 56245 P/Sgt. WOE/AG Gibson, P.B.; CAN. R. 64563 Sgt. WOE/AG Dickinson W. 759300 P/Sgt. A/G Adams, R.T.; 1234966 Sgt. WOE/AG Beare, W.F.; *H* (P/Flt. Liversidge) is missing. Crew: P/Flt. Liversidge Captain; 569805 Sgt. P/Sgt. Broadbroke L. CAN. R. 56251 Sgt. Obs. Alosser, W.R.; CAN. R. 93140 Sgt. WOE/AG Dearlove L.M. 1335996 Sgt. A/G Foot, J.P. CAN. R. 108349 Sgt. A.G. Drummond J.W.; CAN. R. 91235 Sgt. WOE/AG Hayes, A.G. *K* (P/Sgt. Sydney) is missing. Crew: CAN. R. 58531 P/Sgt. Pilot Sydney L. Captain; CAN. R. 54247 Sgt. P/Sgt. Walsh, G.S. CAN. R. 74994 Sgt. Obs. Brennan, R.E.; CAN. R. 62217 P/Sgt. WOE/AG Corleu, R.A. 912790 Sgt. WOE/AG Gunn, T.G. 97234 P/Sgt. A/G Philp, G.; 1063355 Sgt. WOE/AG White G.A. Weather: Mainly Cloudy with good vis.	

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